

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) announced the 2009 service academy nominees from Wisconsin's 4th congressional district. The nominees, high school students from the 4th congressional district, are seeking acceptance to one of the nation's military academies. The academies- U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy- require an endorsement from a nominating authority.

"I am extremely proud of our exceptional nominees this year," said Rep. Moore. "All of our nominees have been through a very competitive process and I wish them well in their next step toward achieving their goals."

The selected nominees were chosen from among a pool of highly qualified candidates. All of the nominees meet academic qualifications and those of leadership in his or her community and school. The nominating committee, consisting of members of Milwaukee's academic, military and law enforcement community, looks at the candidate's entire profile including personal and professional qualities. Based upon the panel's assessment, the panel then determines which students are a good fit for a service academy nomination.

"Our nation's service academies provide exceptional educational opportunities for our most promising students," Congresswoman Moore said. "It is an honor to recommend these scholars from Milwaukee and South Milwaukee to these academies."

The next step in gaining entrance to one of the service academies for the nominees will be the offer of an appointment from an academy.

### **Nominations to the United States Military Academy:**

Niko Ruud,

Phillip Rouse

Nicholas Hoffmann

**Nominations to the United States Naval Academy:**

Joshua Gilly

Phillip Rouse

Nicholas Hoffmann

**Nominations to the United States Air Force Academy:**

Joshua Gilly

Niko Ruud

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Phillip Rouse

**Nominations to the United States Merchant Marine Academy**

Phillip Rouse

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